

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of)
Wolfgang Schmutz et al)
Appln. No. : TBA)
Filed : August 14, 2000)
For : DEVICE FOR LOADING SUBSTRATES)
INTO AND UNLOADING THEM FROM A)
CLEAN ROOM)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

AMENDMENTSIN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 3, change "Specification" to

--Field of the Invention--;

line 5, change "in accordance with" to -~~having a lock device, on which a~~

transport box can be brought for receiving the substrates and which is provided with a
hermetically sealed opening, and which has a processing installation adjoining the locking
opening--;

lin 6, delete "the preamble of claim 1";

between lines 6 and 7, insert